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Tonbridge & Malling Business Bulletin

Covid-19 Discretionary Fund Now Open!

COVID-19: **Business Support Hotline**

03333 602300

 **KENT & MEDWAY
Growth Hub**
Your gateway to business
growth

Phone lines open from 8:30 - 17:00 | Monday to Friday

The graphic features a dark teal background with a pattern of light blue virus particles. The text is in white and yellow-green. A pink bar at the bottom contains the operating hours.

Following the release of further guidance from Central Government, we have [now launched our Covid-19 Discretionary Fund](#).

In line with Government guidance, our Policy sets out clear criteria for determining eligibility:

- **Businesses with ongoing fixed building-related costs**
- **Businesses which can demonstrate that they have suffered a significant fall in income due to the Covid-19 crisis**
- **Small Businesses as defined by the Company Act 2006**
- **Businesses that were trading on 11th March 2020.**
- **Businesses which occupy property, or part of a property, with a rateable value or annual rent or annual mortgage payments below £51,000**

However, in exceptional circumstances, the Borough Council will consider applications from businesses where the rateable value is £51,000 or above.



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Foreword

New technologies are developing all around us and the way we interact with each other is constantly changing. Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council wants to be at the forefront of this changing landscape, and the publication of this Digital Strategy launches our statement of intent to becoming a digital borough.

We want to ensure that our residents and businesses are able to take advantage of the digital opportunities that are available, accessing services and transacting with us seamlessly.

We want our councillors and staff to be able to work efficiently and effectively embracing the new technological advances, ensuring at all times that our communities are served in the best way we can.

We want to make 'digital' Tonbridge and Malling a smarter place to live and work, and I am delighted to launch this Digital Strategy.

Cllr Martin Coffin
Cabinet Member for Finance, Innovation & Property and Deputy Leader

Y2 CREW

2020 Summer Scheme
27 July to 14 August

For young people aged 8-18 years

Y2 Crew is for residents of Tonbridge and Malling and run as a partnership between Tonbridge and Malling Early Help & Preventative Services and Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, with funding from Parish Councils, Tonbridge Lions Club and the Police.

This year due to Covid-19 and social distancing measures we are unable to offer our usual trips and activities. Instead we have put together a fun online programme, free of charge.

The scheme provides a wide range of activities with something to suit all ages and abilities so why not experience a summer with a difference!



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

SUMMER 2019

Including Summer Playscheme
See page 8 for details

DISCOUNTS for Leisure Pass holders!

Exciting activities including:
bushcraft • pottery • cookery • fishing
basing • archery • climbing • tennis
kayaking • plus many more

www.tmbc.gov.uk/holidayactivities

PLEASE RECYCLE THIS PAPER TAG IN YOUR GREEN BOX

2019 Christmas & New Year Collection Dates

Collection due:	New date:
Wed 25 Dec	Fri 27 Dec
Thurs 26 Dec	Sat 28 Dec
Fri 27 Dec	Mon 30 Dec
Mon 30 Dec	Tues 31 Dec
Tues 31 Dec	Thurs 2 Jan
Wed 1 Jan	Fri 3 Jan
Thurs 2 Jan	Sat 4 Jan
Fri 3 Jan	Sun 5 Jan

You can check your collection dates on our website, along with details of the **Saturday Bulky Freighter** schedule over the festive period:
www.recycleforall.tmbc.gov.uk/home

CHRISTMAS TREE COMPOSTING

If you have signed up to the new garden waste collection, remove decorations and put it in, or next to, your brown bin (up to 6ft height).

Real Christmas trees can also be recycled at any KCC Household Recycling site: www.kent.gov.uk/waste

You can recycle so much more from home this Christmas! Please see overleaf for more information

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

Climate Change Strategy 2020 - 2030

www.tmbc.gov.uk

Foreword

It is recognised by Government and scientists internationally, that climate change is the most important environmental challenge that we face. As a local authority, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council has an important leadership role to play in responding to the challenges posed by climate change, particularly relating to the delivery of our key services, but also more widely through working with partners and other agencies to influence mitigation and positive change. We recognise our pivotal role to act as an advocate to all sectors of our communities, in promoting sustainable policies to deliver a reduction in carbon emissions across the Borough.

A motion adopted by full Council in July 2019 sets out the "aspiration for Tonbridge and Malling to be carbon neutral by 2030" and for a strategy to be developed to support this aspiration.

This strategy sets out our commitment to local action on climate change, our commitment to biodiversity protection and enhancement and our approach to partnership working.

The strategy takes us to 2030, however meeting the challenges and delivering on the aspirations within the strategy will be driven forward through a climate change action plan. This will be updated annually and actions and progress will be reported and published on our website each year. The targets within the action plan will help us move towards a low carbon future, improve our resilience to the effects of a changing climate as well as capturing the opportunities and benefits of transitioning to a low carbon future.

Climate change will directly impact how we, as a Council plan our activities in order to meet the needs of all residents in the Borough today and in the future. We recognise that climate change is a collective issue and that we all need to make changes to our lifestyles to reduce our impact on the environment. We will work with statutory partners, local businesses, local community groups and individuals to raise awareness and help to influence change. The Council has a key role in supporting and promoting local actions, we recognise that we don't solely have all the required powers and resources to do this. Only by working in partnership can we help to influence the effects of climate change now and for generations to come.

Cllr Nicolas Heslop
Leader of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council



Air Quality Action Plan

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council

June 2021

Move Forward with Confidence



Roadside Nature Reserve Trial

Why is this area not being cut as often as other areas?

This area has been selected as a trial. We are cutting the area less frequently to see what plants grow here.

Will this area be cut at all this year?

The main verge will be cut in March and October. The edges against the path and road will be cut 15 times between these times.

What's a Roadside Nature Reserve?

Roadside Nature Reserves can link existing wildlife areas, increase biodiversity and be a key area for pollinators.

Why hasn't this been done in other areas?

We need to understand the cost of this change in terms of maintenance, what grows here and the positive and negative benefits it may have to the area. Once this assessment has taken place, we can determine whether it is practical to replicate this in other areas.

We would be most grateful if you could avoid walking across this area.



LIVE OPEN AIR MUSIC

TONBRIDGE CASTLE SUMMER BAND CONCERTS

3PM - 5PM FREE ADMISSION!

PERFORMANCE DATES

- 14 July - Jon Hamilton Big Band
- 28 July - Second Wind Concert Band
- 11 August - Invicta Jazz Orchestra
- 18 August - Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Concert Band
- 25 August - East Grinstead Concert Band
- 15 September - Cranbrook Town Band leading a massed bands concert in aid of MacMillan Cancer Charity

For more details please visit:
www.tmbc.gov.uk or contact
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